

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims found below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim ~~13~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the pump holder ~~(10)~~ has a sheet metal strip ~~(13, 14, 18, 19)~~ in its central region.
3. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components. ~~The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~wherein the sheet-metal strip has corrugations ~~(17)~~.
4. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the region which is manufactured from metal has constrictions ~~(20)~~ and/or enlargements ~~(21)~~.
5. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components. ~~The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~wherein the region which is manufactured from metal has different wall thicknesses.
6. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the

fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components. ~~The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~wherein a resonant frequency of that region of the pump holder-(10) which is manufactured from metal lies outside the natural frequency of the fuel pump-(5).

7. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the pump holder-(10) has at least one retaining ring (11, 12, 22) for fastening it to an adjacent component, and has sheet-metal strips (13, 14, 19) protruding in a starshaped manner from the retaining ring (11, 12, 22).

8. (Currently amended) A fuel feed unit for arrangement in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, comprising a fuel pump and a pump holder which is to be fastened in the fuel tank and secures the fuel pump, the pump holder is manufactured, at least in a central region, from metal to acoustically isolate the fuel pump adjacent components. ~~The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~wherein the retaining ring (22) and the sheet-metal strip manufactured as a single piece.

9. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the retaining ring (11, 12) is manufactured from plastic and the sheet-metal strip (13, 14) are pressed into corresponding grooves (15, 16) of the retaining ring (11, 12).

10. (Currently amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~that wherein the region of the pump holder-(10) which is manufactured from metal is arranged essentially parallel to the longitudinal axis of a drive shaft-(7) of the fuel pump-(5).